

# CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



### A Message from the Mayor...

**Now that the calendar has finally been flipped to 2021, I want to wish everyone a prosperous and happy new year!**

Hopefully 2021 is the year in which we will eventually get back to living our lives and doing the things we all love to do – kids in school, eating out at our favorite Canal Winchester restaurants, cheering

on our favorite sport teams in person, concerts, festivals, and everything we missed out on in 2020. I know things are not going to change overnight, but it is looking up!

**Once again, I want to thank all of the essential workers** from each profession who kept us going, and a special thank you to the broad range of healthcare and EMS professionals who worked – and continue to work – to keep us alive and well. I don't think we can thank you enough for doing what you have done for nearly a year now, day in and day out, with little rest. You are our heroes and appreciated by all! I'd also like to extend a thank you to your family for understanding your need to help your fellow beings. For those who have lost a loved one to COVID-19, our hearts and prayers go out to you. Let us hope this will all be behind us soon.

I want take this time to say thanks and recognize another group of essential workers – our **city employees with ten or more years of employment with Canal Winchester**. Without them, their vast experience, and knowledge, it would have been difficult to experience the progress the city has made over the last several years. Their names, department, and tenure are as follows: Matt Peoples, Public Service, 26 years; James Detty, Water, 20 years; John (Rob) Jenkins, Waste Water, 20 years; Shannon Thomas, Streets, Lands, & Buildings and Storm Water, 20 years; Rich

Webster, Streets, Lands, & Buildings, 20 years; Dick Miller, Urban Forestry, 18 years; Joe Taylor, Water, 18 years; Chris Hurtung, Water, 17 years; Tom Moore, Waste Water, 17 years; Bryce Palsgrove, Waste Water, 15 years; Bill Sims, Construction Services, 15 years; Shawn Starcher, Streets, Lands, & Buildings, 15 years; Steve Smith, Waste Water, 14 years; Bobbi Sumner, Clerk of Court, 13 years; Linda Tennison, Community Center, 13 years. **Thank you all for your dedication to "The Greatest Little City in Ohio"!**

**We are looking forward to another very busy year in Canal Winchester.** This spring, you will see construction equipment at McGill Park prepping the ground for Phase I construction, including water and sewer lines, soccer fields, playgrounds, a three-season shelter house, parking lots, and the entrance feature and driveway. This summer, the remodeling of the former Bob McDorman Auto Museum should begin, making way for the new city municipal offices, council chamber, community center, and additional public parking, with the sheriff's substation moving into 36 S. High Street in late 2021.

**Finally, I want to congratulate and thank Brian and Tamie Wallake for their rescue and purchase of Westchester Golf Course.** This was one of the most talked about events in Canal Winchester in 2020. Brian and Tamie are the owners of the Olive Branch restaurant and plan to move operations from its current location on North Gender Road to the Westchester Golf Course clubhouse site, a location they think will do quite well.

Mayor Mike

### SNOW REMOVAL

When winter weather hits and we get substantial snowfall, our streets will be plowed and salted in the following order: arterial streets (*including Gender, Columbus, High, and Waterloo*), other collector streets and major streets within subdivisions, secondary streets within subdivisions, cul-de-sacs, alleys, and then parking lots. For information about our snow removal policy, visit our website.

#### TIPS TO HELP SNOW REMOVAL RUN SMOOTHLY

- \* Do not shovel snow onto streets, alleys, or bike paths.
- \* Shovel snow into small piles instead of large piles.
- \* Do not pile snow beside fire hydrants or dumpsters.
- \* Avoid parking on streets during snowy or icy conditions.
- \* Remove all obstacles, including basketball hoops, from right-of-ways.
- \* Clear snow around mailboxes.
- \* Help neighbors who may be elderly, sick, or otherwise unable to shovel.



Help make sidewalks around your business or residence safer by shoveling a path around your property in a timely manner each time there is snow accumulation. Cleared sidewalks also help our local police, fire, and EMS during emergencies.

### Snow Emergency

Local sheriff's office may declare snow emergencies and temporarily close roads when winter weather makes travel dangerous.

#### Snow Emergency Classifications:

**LEVEL 1:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

**LEVEL 2:** Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

**LEVEL 3:** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

## Happy New Year!

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# Recycling in Canal Winchester



In October of last year, the City entered a new contract with Rumpke Waste & Recycling. This new partnership brought curbside recycling to residents of Canal Winchester. **Although the program has just begun, we have seen great success so far, with over 130 tons of recyclable material collected in the final quarter of 2020!**

While we are making progress with recycling thus far, we still have a long way to go. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio reports that nearly 76% of all material that arrives at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill could be diverted through composting or recycling. Check out the shared graphic to see what you should be including in your recycling each week. For more information, visit [swaco.org](http://swaco.org) or [rumpke.com](http://rumpke.com)

Recycle

Paper & Cardboard  
Please flatten

Plastic Bottles & Jugs  
Lids and labels accepted

Glass Bottles & Jars  
All colors accepted

Metal Cans  
Remove aerosol tips

Cartons  
Rinse and remove lids

Keep them loose  
Don't bag items

Not Accepted

No Plastic or Foam Food Containers

No Tangles  
Hoses, wires, chains, clothing, or electronics

No Plastic Bags  
Return to retailer

No Cups  
Coffee, Yogurt, or Party

## City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Council.....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Court.....	614-837-7691
Community Affairs.....	614-834-9915
Community Center.....	614-837-8276
Construction Services.....	614-834-5109
Development Department.....	614-837-1894
Finance Department.....	614-837-6937
Human Resources.....	614-834-5118
Mayor Michael Ebert.....	614-837-7493
Public Service Department.....	614-834-5100
Water	614-837-5623
After-Hours Phone	614-837-7478
Streets, Lands, & Buildings	614-524-0163
Urban Forestry	614-834-5110
Water Reclamation	614-837-2254
After-Hours Phone	614-837-7478
Utility Clerk.....	614-837-7716
Sheriff Substation, non-emergency.....	614-837-7478

For complete directory listings, visit [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov)

## DID YOU KNOW...

In 2020, Canal Winchester issued 122 building permits for single family homes. This is the second highest number of homes permitted in Canal Winchester ever, and a nearly 40% increase over last year. The highest was in 2003 with 126 new single family homes permitted.



## Sheriff Spotlight: Deputy JR D'Amore, Mid-Shift

Deputy D'Amore joined the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office in May of 1997 and has been serving the residents of Canal Winchester since May of 2005. In 11 months of 2020, Deputy D'Amore:

- Responded to 379 calls for service
- Took 74 reports
- Had 41 arrests
- Submitted 92 charges for review
- Conducted 211 traffic stops



Deputy D'Amore took on a new role in 2018 when Canal Winchester added a mid-shift deputy to help with court services and traffic enforcement. Deputy D'Amore has a great working relationship with the City of Canal Winchester and has done an amazing job with this new position. Deputy D'Amore has received numerous commendations from our office and was a member of our S.W.A.T. team for over 10 years. He is also a member of our newly formed Honor Guard. Deputy D'Amore will assist anywhere he is needed, including escorting Santa in the parade last month, and helping with the many protests and marches the city saw in 2020.

## Tax Preparation for Seniors

AARP Tax Aid will once again be offering FREE tax preparation services to seniors at the CW Community Center. Safety precautions have been put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Appointments are required and will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning February 3. \*Call 614-375-2167 to schedule your appointment.

\*Scheduling begins January 18. Please wait to call until then. Appointment scheduling **will not** be available at the Community Center.

## Important Dates

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| JAN 18 | City Offices Closed |
| JAN 19 | City Council        |
| FEB 1  | City Council        |
| FEB 15 | City Offices Closed |
| FEB 16 | City Council        |

Full calendar available on our website

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